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## Media Advisory

## SUPERINTENDENT LUNA TO TESTIFY BEFORE CONGRESS THURSDAY

BOISE – Idaho Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna will testify Thursday before the U.S. House Education and the Workforce Committee hearing on two bills to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA).

The House Education and the Workforce Committee is currently considering legislation to reauthorize ESEA, more commonly referred to as the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. As Idaho's State Superintendent and President of the Council of Chief State School Officers, Superintendent Luna has played a critical role in encouraging Congress to reauthorize No Child Left Behind and in shaping reauthorization legislation. He testified before the U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee in November.

**WHO:** Idaho Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna

**WHAT:** U.S. House Education and the Workforce Committee Hearing on the "Student Success Act" and

"Encouraging Innovation and Effective Teachers Act," two bills to reauthorize No Child Left Behind

**WHERE:** Room 2175 of Rayburn Building. It will be streamed live online at:

http://edworkforce.house.gov/Calendar/EventSingle.aspx?EventID=279017.

**WHEN:** Thursday, February 16, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. ET (8:00 a.m. MT)

Idaho media interested in interviewing Superintendent Luna should contact Melissa McGrath at <a href="mailto:mrmcgrath@sde.idaho.gov">mrmcgrath@sde.idaho.gov</a> to schedule an interview after the hearing.

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